

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Individual Comment Form



Lead Entity:	WRIA 9
Project Number:	15-1240
Project Name:	Downey Farmstead - Frager Road Relocation
Project Sponsor:	City of Kent
Grant Manager:	Elizabeth Butler

	Date	Status ¹
Post-Application		
Final	9/23/15	Clear

PROJECT SUMMARY *(for Review Panel reference only)*

The City of Kent will complete the first phase of the Downey Farmstead restoration project by relocating Frager Road away from the Green River's edge to allow for future creation of a side channel network and expanded floodplain. After the road is relocated, the city will apply for additional funding to complete the restoration project and enhance river processes by constructing a side channel and reconnecting floodplain on the left bank of the Green River between river mile (RM) 21.5 and RM 22.3. When full restoration is completed, the project will provide side-channel rearing and refuge habitat for juvenile salmon throughout most of the year, particularly juvenile Chinook salmon. Enhancing habitat to improve juvenile salmonid rearing, lifestage diversity, and productivity is a priority in the Green River watershed. A secondary goal of the project is to create additional flood storage and to help alleviate flood damages in urban and agricultural areas in the project vicinity.

FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: 9/23/15

Final Project Status: Clear

Review Panel Member(s): Full Panel Review

1. If the project is a POC, please identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:
2. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
3. Other comments:

POST-APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date:

Project Status: Click to choose a status

Review Panel Member(s):

1. If the project is a POC, identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:
2. If the project is a POC, identify the changes that would make this a technically sound project:
3. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
4. General comments:



SPONSOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

¹ CLEAR: Cleared to proceed; CONDITIONED: Cleared to proceed with a condition; NMI: Needs More Information; POC: Project of Concern; NOTEWORTHY: Exemplary Project

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If your project is not cleared (i.e. has a status of NMI, Conditioned, or POC) you must update your proposal, PRISM questions, or attachments as necessary to address the review panel's comments. Use track changes when updating your proposal. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.

DRAFT APPLICATION / SITE VISIT REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: June 17, 2015

Project Site Visit?

Yes No

Review Panel Member(s): Kelley Jorgensen and Steve Toth

1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria:

2. Missing Pre-application information.

3. General Comments:

The overall project was reviewed last year as part of the large-cap PSAR grant request (14-1389). The project is being implemented as a phased construction project due to funding constraints with the Frager road relocation as Phase I. The side channel excavation and riparian revegetation will take place in a future phase and funds are being pursued at this time. If Frager Road abandonment is still a potential option, the review panel still prefers this as the best alternative for dealing with the road issue due to the relative high cost of road relocation and the reportedly low traffic volume the road supports.

The application would be improved by refining the project objectives to address the Phase I project-related elements for this initial phase of the project. Also, please clarify whether the new parking area near Old Fishing Hole Park is part of the proposal.

During the site tour we had a great discussion on lessons learned from construction and monitoring of other off-channel habitat restoration projects, and it would be beneficial to incorporate some of those lessons into the final application, especially if they might affect project objectives and monitoring elements.

The sponsor is doing a commendable job working in an urbanized, highly constrained stretch of the Green River. The review panel appreciates the adaptive management and monitoring feedback loop that is taking place at the sponsors other project sites.

4. Staff Comments:

Please see the PRISM application review comments in the PRISM on-line application.



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Revise your project proposals using "track changes" and update any relevant PRISM questions and attachments. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.

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